

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1792 - HB 1855

February 3, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises the penalties for continuous sexual abuse of a child to clarify that an offense involving three or more violations of aggravated rape, rape, aggravated sexual battery, rape of a child, solicitation of sexual abuse of a minor, or aggravated rape of a child is a Class A felony; an offense involving two violations of such offenses is a Class B felony; and an offense involving one or no violations of such offenses is a Class C felony.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation revises the penalties for the offense of continuous sexual abuse of a child. Continuous sexual abuse of a child offense is punishable as a Class A, Class B, or Class C felony, depending on specific circumstances of the offense.
- Based upon information provided by the Department of Correction (DOC), there has been an average of .80 admissions in each of the last 10 years for the Class A felony offense under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-518 for continuous sexual abuse of a child, with an estimated average sentence length of 24.75 years. There have been no Class B or Class C admissions.
- Due to the low number of admissions, the proposed legislation will not significantly impact incarceration costs. Any increase in state or local expenditures will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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